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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOUSING LINES REDESIGNATED Some Areas in Ouachita Parish Are No Longer Eligible

MONROE, March 29, 2005 – The boundary lines that determine areas of Ouachita Parish eligible for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development single family housing programs are being re-drawn according to Michael B. Taylor, State Director.

USDA Rural Development has conducted a review of Ouachita Parish and determined that the areas that have been annexed into the city limits of Monroe and West Monroe, Louisiana, are no longer eligible for USDA Rural Development financing. These areas are identified as follows:

For the Monroe Area

Adjacent to Highway 165 North and the Delta Southern Railroad: Beginning at the intersection of Century Park Boulevard and U.S. Highway 165 North, north along U.S. Highway 165 to the northern section line of Section 33, Township 19N, Range 4E; west along section lines to the intersection of River Styx Bayou; southwest along River Styx Bayou to the intersection of Horseshoe Lake Road; south along Horseshoe Lake Road to the point where Horseshoe Lake Road could intersect with Venable Lane; east along an imaginary line to Venable Lane to U.S. Highway 165 North; north on U.S. Highway 165 to the point of beginning.

For the West Monroe Area

Adjacent to Wells Road and I-20 in Section 31, Township 18N, Range 3E: Beginning at the intersection of Wells Road and Interstate 20, west along Interstate 20 to the intersection of Steep Bayou; south on Steep Bayou for approximately 1,400 feet to the point where Steep Bayou could intersect with Parkwood Boulevard.; east along an imaginary line to Parkwood Boulevard to the intersection of Wells Road; north on Wells Road to the point of beginning.

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The change will not be effective for ninety (90) days to allow for public comments. Any comments or objections should be sent to:

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